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City of New Haven Police Chief to Retire

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Today, the City of New Haven announced that New Haven Police Chief Otoniel Reyes will be retiring from his post as the Chief of the New Haven Police Department this spring; an exact date has not yet been determined.

“Over the past year, I have worked closely with Chief Reyes and gotten to know him well. The Chief has provided consistent and guiding leadership to our Police Department through one of the most challenging years in recent history. New Haven has been fortunate to benefit from his integrity, strength of character, compassion for the community, and work ethic. I am grateful that the Chief has given us advanced notice to ensure a smooth transition. I wish the Chief all the best in his future endeavors,” said New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker.

Born and raised in New Haven, Otoniel Reyes spent much of his life protecting New Haven residents in his twenty-one-year career at the New Haven Police Department. He first started in the Department as an Officer and has been Chief of the Department over the past two years.

“New Haven is my home. I was born and raised here and served our community for twenty-one years. I am honored and grateful to have started here as an Officer and to rise up the ranks to Chief of Police. This fleeting moment—these twenty-one years—has been such a journey for me. I want you all to know that I’m still here, I still love this City, and I look forward to seeing you all in my civilian attire,” said Chief Reyes. “I am forever indebted to the residents of the City of New Haven, my coworkers, those lives that I have touched, and all those who have touched me over the past two decades. I will continue to be a resident here and spend more time with my family, who have been with me through thick and thin. This job is taxing on the mind, body, and spirit, and I salute all my fellow officers on their tireless work. I will miss you all greatly,” he concluded.

Chief Reyes’ term as Chief of New Haven Police ends in January of 2022. The City, therefore, will be looking for an interim-Chief to fill out the remainder of this term.

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